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This Month Events Field Day And Kids Best Del Mar



Speaker: Roxanne Provaznik of CAL Fire
and go over Field Day 2008

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1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month
GATES OPEN 6:30 AM

From The President

Paul KC6QLS



Thank you to Miguel Miller from Skywarn for his presentation at our last meeting. What a great presentation and some members joined Skywarn.

Thank you to all club members at the last meeting who helped to assemble another approximately 350 wooden key kits for the ARCEC Amateur Radio Kids Best Fair Booth on June 21, 2008 from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will have a brief meeting about this booth during the break and ask that the following fair booth volunteers please be sure to attend the June meeting: KC6QLS, KO4QT, KC6TBG, N6NKJ, WA6MHZ, K5WFW, KG6TDP, N6OPH, KI6HRH, KI6FIF and AE6AV,

We are looking forward to seeing Roxanne Provaznik of CAL Fire at our next meeting, and we will also discuss Field Day.

We still need volunteers for SANDARC's Fair Booth at its new location in the In Field. I thank all those who have volunteered their time to help out at our club events. Please continue to volunteer whenever and where ever you can as it is up to us, as amateur radio operators, to share our service and hobby with our community.

It's sad to say, the San Diego Digital PSK Net is on hold until interest grows. Ed AI6O gave it a good run! If you would like to be net control and see what you can do with it, please contact me.



Paul, KC6QLS
President

Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

General Membership Meeting
8 May 2008



The general membership meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by the club president at 1900hrs. Due to the fact that the club secretary is not able to attend the meeting, Mike, N6OPH was asked to compile the minutes for this meeting. After greeting the visitors and members the following reports were given before this evening's presentation:

SECRETARY'S minutes as published in the *Counterpoise* were approved as published.

TREASURER, Stogie, KD6JCW reported on the condition of the treasury. His report was approved as read and filed for audit.

T-SHIRT LOGO contest presentations were made by Paul, KC6QLS. There were two submissions. The logo depicting the spider was the winning design. The shirts should be available for Field Day.

VICE PRESIDENT Steve, KO4QT introduced this evening's speaker who is Miguel Miller and his topic is the Skywarn Weather Spotter Training. This was an hour long presentation. After the presentation, there was a twenty minute break at which time the meeting resumed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT was given by Paul, KC6QLS. He reported that we would have an educational seminar at Field Day which would be worth 100 points. Some of the topics of the seminar would be an arm chair station, PSK station, Field Day station, "go" kits, automobile station and much more. This would take about 30-45 minutes as part of the Field Day operation.

COUNTERPOISE was late as it needed to wait for an additional report. Spotlights are still needed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS of the ARCRC would sponsor a Kids Best station at the Del Mar Fair. Also a 100 mile run endurance run is scheduled for 7-8 June.

FIELD DAY REPORT was given by Steve, KO4QT that he needs volunteers to help with the set up and tear down at Field Day. The program for the June meeting would be the discussion of the Field Day plans and also a talk from Roxanne Provaznik of CALFIRE.

SANDARC met 29 April at the Kearny Mesa Recreation Center. The website is up and running. The first 2010 convention meeting would be held on 22 May at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel on Aero Drive. The Del Mar Fair will run from 14 June to 5 July 2008. Volunteers are needed to man the booth. Steve Early, AD6VI gave his first report as Section Manager at the council meeting. The Six Shooter Cub has voted to join SANDARC. They would become part of the council sometime in September or October. MEMBERSHIP stands at 180. Tonight we had 48 members and 1 visitor present.

EDUCATION Chairman Mike, N6OPH reported that the extra theory course sponsored by the club would take place in September. There will be a technician class at the Joan Crock Center on 7th and 21st of June with the examinations to follow on the 21st.

PUBLIC SERVICE While the reports were given, the general membership assembled the wooden CW keys. Rich, N6NKJ suggested that the ARCEC or SANDARC should be able to find some way to support our troops. It was moved and seconded that a committee be formed to look into ways to help out the military overseas. The motion was carried. Rich, N6NKJ was appointed Chairman of this committee.

PRIZES tonight include a wave form analyzer as well as a general coverage receiver, cassette tape recorder and a giant diode among other things.

There being no further business before the general membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2105.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Paul Maston, N6OPH
Recording Secretary for Dan, N6ERD



From The Vice President KO4QT Steve



I'd like to send out a big thank you to Miguel Miller from the National Weather Service for coming out to our May meeting and giving weather spotter training. As soon as I get a date and location for the SkyWarn training, I'll pass it along to those of you who signed up.

Our June meeting will be a dual purpose meeting. Roxanne from CAL Fire will give us a brief talk on Red Flag Patrol and then we'll move into Field Day discussions and a logging software demonstration. You'll be able to type contact data into the computer and become familiar with the logging software.

Field Day planning is coming along nicely. Looks like we're going to have a pretty good turnout again this year. There is still 1 cabin available for Saturday night, and, 1 cabin and 1 dorm room available as well as RV and tent sites for the weekend. We still need computers and an antenna rotator (rotor). We also are in need of help setting up antenna's Friday and taking them down Sunday. To reserve a room or campsite or if you can help out, you can contact me either by email: ko4qt@hotmail.com or phone (619)733-2320

73's and see you at the meeting

Steve
KO4QT

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Wednesday and Saturday Nights
8:00 pm local time 7:30 "Checkins"

Tuesday Night Rag Chew net:
8:00 pm

Nets held on club repeaters

WA6BGS Repeaters

RX 147.420 (146.475) 107.2 PL

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Don't miss it. All members welcome.

New WAMO/D Net

ARCEC, San Diego Digital VHF Net

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Day: Thurs. "Except 2nd Thurs. of the month"

Mode: PSK31

Frequency: 50.290 MHz. and a QSY to 144.144 MHz

This is an open net and all are invited. Early check-ins will be taken. Hope to see you on the waterfall!

WAMO means Worked All Members Only. The purpose of WAMO is to encourage people to people communication between club members and to publicize the name of the club among fellow amateurs.


Calendar of Events June 2008

June	3:	Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
June	7:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
June	7:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
June	12:	General Meeting, 7:00 pm
June	14/15:	SANDARC Booth Days at the Fair
June	20:	Counterpoise Dead Line
June	21:	Del Mar Fair "ARCEC Kids Best"
June	21:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
June	21:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
June	27:	Field Day 2008

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3. First Name	4. Last Name
5. Street Address	6. City, State, Zip+4
7. Home Phone	8. Work Phone
May we list: Y N	
9. DOB	10. e-mail
11. ARRL Member Yes no	12. ARES Member Yes No
13. RACES Member Yes No	14. Sponsored by: or Family Member

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Check ()	Date Paid:

Computer Roster Available

Want the roster sent to you via e-mail? Send an e-mail to Ann Rios KC6TBG, and she will send you the database back as an attachment. She uses Excel, but may be able to convert to various formats if asked. Send your request to 619-593-9445 or KC6TBG@cox.net

FUN PAGE

Birthday

June	1	WB6POW	Gordon	Ripley
June	1	N6AHJ	Tom	Simser
June	7	KF6CVG	Robert	Lang
June	7	KI6NHK	Art	Lopez
June	8		Henry	Simpson
June	9	K6DXR	Gerry	Kodad
June	12	W6RHV	Bob	Boehme
June	12	KF6CSY	John	Durante
June	14	W6PAW	Carson	Bolter
June	15	KF6MLK	Carl	Scavo
June	15	KI6MUH	Mike	McClure
June	17	KE6MTX	Sean	Brainard
June	17	KI6FSP	Ken	Howard
June	20	NX6Q	Mel	Dunn
June	22	KE6QCA	Allan	Ingram
June	23	KG6VVO	Steve	St. Martin
June	26	WA6YWC	Frank	Ratty
June	27	WB6ODR	Bob	Smith
June	27	N6OEI	Matt	Lunati
June	29	KE6QVF	Bill	Geiler
June	29	KI6DTD	Rick	Dickson
June	30	K7SD	Steve	Bertalan

Word Search

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Brain Thinkers

2=Q. in a H.-D. 2 Quarters in a Half Dollar

3=S. to the W. 3 Sheets to the Wind

9=L. of a C. 9 Lives of a Cat

----- This Months -----

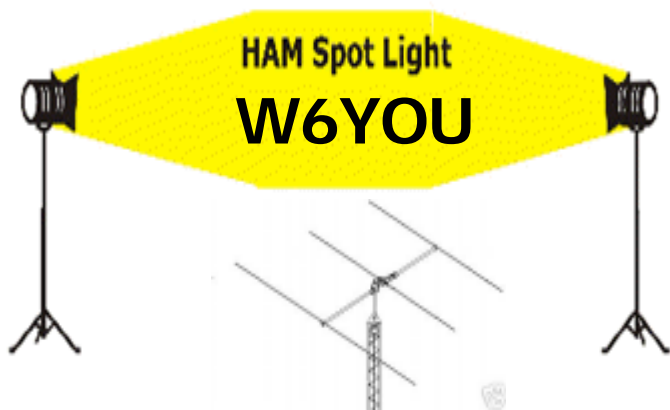
2= H. of C.

4 =S's in M.

6= T.Z. in the U. S.

Last Months Word Search

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M O D U L A T I O N Y X Z Q L S



This month the Spot Light shines on no Ham in particular. After interviewing Hams over the years, there is a little of you in this story. You may also know of someone that parts of it sound like. We are all bound together by one thing in common, Amateur Radio.

One day I asked my neighbor, "What is that big antenna on your house for?" He said, "Let me show you." As we stepped into the "Radio Shack", it had a smell of warm tubes with a hint of dust. I saw world maps hanging on the walls with what must have been thousands of pins stuck in them. I also saw funny post cards all over his station. I asked, "What are those cards?" He replied, "QSL Cards," and told me about all the towns and countries that he has talked to over the 50 years he has been a Ham.

As time went on, I got more and more interested in getting my Amateur Radio license. My neighbor helped me with the math and took the time to explain what Amateur Radio is all about. He taught me how to solder and how to track down bad components on the boards and fix them.

As time passed so did my neighbor. I got involved in school and had to put off Ham Radio until school was over. When school was over, a war broke out, and I was called to duty. In boot camp the Sergeant called out for anyone that can fix this darn radio! I spoke up and said, "I'll give it a try Sergeant." Well, the rest is history. I was sent to Radio School where I

worked for the remainder of my tour of duty. When I got out of the Military, I got married and have two kids.

One day one of my kids asked, "Dad see that big antenna on that house?" I replied back, "Yes, let me tell you a story." I told my kids about when I was their age about my neighbor and all about Amateur Radio. Then my oldest said, "How come you never got your Amateur Radio license?" I said I never got around to it. "Do you have the time now?" said the youngest. The oldest said, "Dad I would like to get my Amateur Radio license."

We bought a set of books and found a class. In two months we all had our Amateur Radio license. It took me 35 years to get mine from the time I wanted mine. I made sure my kids did not have to wait for theirs.

Sometimes, as I sit in my Radio Shack I often think about my neighbor and all the fun we had talking to all the other Hams around the world. At times, I think he is still helping me when a pile up on 20 meters happens and that rare DX comes in. At times, the band opens up just for me, and when I make the contact, it is all worth it.

A voice on the Amateur Radio bands is a good thing; you build friendships and help out others in the time of need.

73
Paul Rios
KC6QLS



**The Editor's
Corner
KC6QLS Paul**



Editor's Corner

Due to the loss of income from the Santee Swap Meet and the resulting decrease in finances available to the club, the Counterpoise has gone online and has been online since February 2008. If any members must receive the Counterpoise by mail, please call, email or write to me and let me know so that you can be added to the Counterpoise by Mail List. You must sign up on this list to continue to receive your Counterpoise Newsletter by mail. Also, if you would prefer to receive the Counterpoise by email, please email me your request to be placed on the Counterpoise by Email List. Also, the Counterpoise is on our website at www.WA6BGS.org

Paul, KC6QLS

Public Relations

Field Day is not just contesting any more. For the ARCEC it is the full spectrum of amateur radio and includes, but is not limited to, a test session, digital communications (PSK-31), how to set up an armchair station, vehicle amateur radio installation, how to resolve RF issues in your vehicle, how to put together a To Go Kit, and how to set up a Field Day Station. This year our Field Day will feature experienced hams discussing these topics along with the usual contesting, good grub and comradery that we enjoy every year. We encourage all club members to come out and join us for Field Day. We also invite all new amateur radio operators and those who may have been out of the hobby for a while to come out and join us on Saturday and Sunday, June 28th and 29th, for a fun and educational weekend. See you there.

Paul, KC6QLS

Volunteers Needed

Up Coming Events

Fire Station #6 Open House "ARCEC Booth"
Please Sign up at the next meeting

E-Mail

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Prize Table Needs Help

Thank you for your contributions to the Prize Table! We still need your Support and Help or it may just end up a thing of the past. Please contact: Floyd Lang AF6BC at 303-6711.

Things to keep in mind

Get on the El Cajon ARC Reflector

To sign up visit:

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You will get the latest news about The Club and things going on in the Ham world.

Quote of the Month

"He that lends, gives."

- ibid. 787

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JOKE

My husband said he needed more space. So I locked him outside.

Lisie KI6EEK

Crest Radio Museum

Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ



Thanks to Floyd AF6BC, our valiant Prize table guy, for bringing in a very wonderful radio for the May meeting. It is a Hallicrafters CB-17 CB set from 1959. Normally, I wouldn't be too excited about a CB, but add the Hallicrafters name and the HOOK is set into me!!! I was just tickled to win it in the drawing and quickly brought it here to work.

The CB-17 is a 6 channel crystal-only RX/TX rig, so no variable receive tuning like the Hallicrafters CB-3A and CB-19 I have. The CB-17 is a little rarer than those 2. This one was in pretty good condition and all it required for repair was to re-solder the AC cord which was broken at the connector. I brought it up slowly on the Variac, as it is good practice to do on every vintage radio regardless of it's history, and all the voltages looked great. I sprayed the bandswitch with contact cleaner and hooked up the sig gen. Looking up on the Internet, I found what frequencies corresponded to the CB channels and entered them into my signal generator. The CB-17 received them all, but some could have used some tweaking as they were slightly off frequency. No provision was made for netting the crystal freqs. With this radio, if it is off freq, they expect you to buy a new crystal. On transmit, I found the same thing, various channels were not on frequency, but probably close enough for AM work. If I were going to use this rig, it would have variable caps installed to net each freq dead on. On transmit, I saw the meter move but the output was a little lame. For the suggested 5W input, I saw maybe a watt out. Maybe 2, I need to use a calibrated HF wattmeter to see. But it moved so there was RF out. It might help to put in a new 6CX8, but then this is going on the shelf and not in the operating station. One problem I did find was that someone in the past 50 years splattered paint on the front panel. I used a Q-Tip and some Flux remover we have here at work very gingerly as to not remove the panel paint, just the spots. That worked great, and though tedious, did not damage the panel. The flux remover is dangerous to use as it often

takes off a lot more than you want, but Hallicrafters did a great job in painting this and didn't cheap out on coating. I finished the job with the miracle NOVUS #2 polish so now the panel looks like it did in 1959. Thanks again to Floyd for bringing in the great radio!

The 2nd radio of the month is one of the Earliest Hallicrafters I have owned. I also have a SX-28 and S-27, don't know if they are earlier. Neither of those works yet. The new radio is a Hallicrafters S-19R Sky Buddy from 1939. The Wholesale Radio Service catalog from that year shows it. In 1939, the country was coming out of the Great Depression and WW2 was on the Horizon. An affordable Shortwave Radio was needed for the Masses. Hallicrafters supplied this with the Sky Buddy. I received an email from Ed W6OYJ inquiring if I might like one of these... OH YES INDEED!!!! was the answer. I rushed over to get it and it looked in pretty good condition. All the tubes were there and it was missing only 1 knob, (which I later found in the junk box.) The Power cord was almost completely disintegrated!! (Quickly replaced) One side was badly corroded due to being laid there for many decades, so I sanded it off and repainted it. Also did the top and bottom to cherry it out. It was missing the main tuning dial plastic line indicator which I formed out of a CD case. I scored the plastic with a knife and snapped it, then finished rounding the corners with a sanding block. I need to replace the bandspread plastic, but Hallicrafters made that very difficult, as the front panel and chassis are welded together and cannot be separated. It would require removing and restringing all the dials just to get the bandspread pulley off. So, it was left as is. This also was brought up very slowly and it had a loud hum. As mentioned before, for some reason the capacitor between the detector stage and the audio stage seems to get leaky and this .02 uF was bad. I need to replace it with another .02 of the same vintage, but for now, I just put a .01 disc cap in series. The BFO doesn't work, so I need to put another type 76 tube in that. Maybe I will do that this afternoon. (It's Mothers Day!)



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Chicken Noodle Soup for the Ham Radio Operator's Soul

"Ham Radio Field Day Poetry"

Turmoil and change have shaken the ranks of our hobby in recent years. Controversy over incentive licensing, the role of the code, and concern over the dwindling ranks of our hobby have caused angst and sown the seeds of division among hams, young and old. Now, with the spring of renewal in Cycle 24 upon us, it is time for a healing catharsis for our hobby, with "Chicken Noodle Soup for the Ham Radio Operator's Soul".

And now, "Chicken Noodle Soup for the Ham Radio Operator's Soul" presents Ham Radio Field Day Poetry

"My Tower Trailer"

My tower trailer, My tower trailer,
It beacons the pigeon clan.
Pigeons drop on my tower trailer,
They'll be in the log tonight.
What is Field Day be without them,
Winged painters, with buckets of white.

20KW generator, folding chairs, coffee, and fuel,
Visitors enchanted by diesel fumes.
Competitors try to steal my operating frequency,
By not following the Golden Rule.

Competitors try to break in, stealing my frequency.
I shoo them away.
Never resort to unpleasantness,
Just turn on the Henry 2K.

Unsupervised youth,
On twenty, they will have their way.
They never lack for something to eat,
Remember, this is Field Day

Statistical sampling on my data points,
HF propagation forecast, now in hand.
Now get your fat keester in gear and make some contacts,
On the 20 meter band.

Chicken Noodle Soup Continued

Ode to a Ham

The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth.
One is closer to God's heart in a Ham Shack,
than anywhere else on earth.

Morris AZ6CW

CREST continued

After a good alignment, this radio will be in top shape! SO it is great to have a radio this old! And working too!

Most of these old sets do come up, if treated gently and given lots of love and understanding. 73 for now!

—

Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ
Curator
Crest Radio Museum

Odds and Ends

ARCEC Reflector

For those of you who may not be aware, the ARCEC has had a Reflector for sometime, and it is available for all club members to join and use in a friendly, positive and cordial fashion at each member's discretion. There is no moderator and it is available for all members to use to post events, classes, activities, amateur radio for sale and wanted items, and for other amateur radio related communication. While the Reflector is available for all to use, please remember that all Official ARCEC communication is posted in the ARCEC General Membership Meeting Minutes located in the Counterpoise Newsletter each month, and the opinions expressed on the Reflector are solely that of the individual(s) and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon (ARCEC). To join the Reflector, go to www.wa6bgs.org and click on the Join Yahoo Group Now.



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Amateur Radio At Large

From Rich N6NKJ



Hello again,
I hate being sick, and for the last two or so weeks, I have been down with bronchitis.

After Miguel Miller was at our last club meeting, I signed up to be a weather spotter. It was painless and easy. So if you want to become involved in some sort of activity that can be of service to your community, without putting forth too much effort, this is the program for you. You can report what the weather is doing right from your home; just by looking out your window. So why not join up?

If you, like me, like to make contact with special event stations, there is no better resource than the ARRL. Just click on operating activities, then click on special events, and it will list many of the special events taking place.

I did this past weekend, and found out that once again, I missed the U.S.S. Midway station. However, I found a site that lists many ships that will have special events. All you need to do, is type in Museum Ships Weekend Event, and the first one that comes up will say "sponsored by The Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station. It lists what kind of ship will be on the air, as well as where the ship is moored.

The one organization that is very important to me, as you know, is the VIP Red Flag Program, a program that I have been with for at least 20 years, and that is why I would like to have a group of dedicated amateur operators who would be willing to respond when Roxanne needs us for patrols.

A.R.E.S. and REACT will STILL BE a big part of the program, but I need to be able to rely

on "Fast Response Team" of volunteers who could be called on, on short notice.

This group is not limited to the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, but is open to all amateurs countywide who have had the training, or who want to be trained. If you want to be part of this group, please e-mail me at rbeisigl@csst.net.

Over this past weekend, 5/24-25/08, I looked through my QSL cards; talk about a trip down memory lane. I found one from Ken Ostrander, who was membership chairman when I joined the club. What a great guy he was. While doing this, I wondered just how many of those who sent me QSL cards were still alive and active. I will let you know what the results are.

Well, that is it for now, but as always, let us all remember that FREEDOM ISN'T REALLY FREE!

Just look at all the white crosses at Ft Rosecrans and remember to thank all the brave service men and women you see in uniform.

Till next time, 73's and 88's.
Rich, N6NKJ



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Membership Report

Ann KC6TBG



Welcome New Members



Gary Kuske, KI6PTP
WAMO #1755



John Wurtz, KI6BUU
WAMO # 1756

No Photo

Paul Weekley, KI6QDB WAMO # 1757

Welcome Returning Member



Ed Pyne, KF6ROE WAMO # 1619

As most everyone knows, we have changed the ARCEC dues schedule so that everyone's dues will now be due December 31st of each year. However, during this transition year, there are still some members whose dues are due between now and December 31, 2008. As the Counterpoise is online and not everyone is receiving a copy by mail, it is difficult to know when dues are due; and as a result, we have received very few membership renewals. This is unfortunate as the club counts on this income to support our Field Day and other events. If you

have not paid your dues for 2008 or are unsure of when your dues are due, please see me at the meeting to determine the date your dues are due. When Dues are due, you will pay the prorated schedule for your dues for 2008, which will pay you through December 31, 2008 and put you on track for the new due date system. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this transition year. Once everyone is on track, everyone's dues will be due December 31st of each year.

For new members who join during the year, the dues for the year they join will be prorated through December 31st of the year they join, and the next years dues will be due on December 31st of the year they join. The Dues Payment Schedule will be as follows:

Individual Dues Membership:

\$18.00 per year (\$1.50 per month):

January	\$ 18.00	July	\$ 9.00
February	\$ 16.50	August	\$ 7.50
March	\$ 15.00	September	\$ 6.00
April	\$ 13.50	October	\$ 4.50
May	\$ 12.00	November	\$ 3.00
June	\$ 10.50	December	\$ 1.50 *

***plus \$18.00 for the following year**

Family Dues Membership:

\$30.00 per year (\$2.50 per month):

January	\$ 30.00	July	\$ 15.00
February	\$ 27.50	August	\$ 12.50
March	\$ 25.00	September	\$ 10.00
April	\$ 22.50	October	\$ 7.50
May	\$ 20.00	November	\$ 5.00
June	\$ 17.50	December	\$ 2.50 *

***plus \$30.00 for the following year**

Ann, KC6TBG
Membership Chair



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2 nd Saturday:	Carlsbad 9:30 am Carlsbad Safety Center Orion Way Carlsbad
3 rd Saturday:	North Park 10:00 am North Park Recreation Center 4044 Idaho Street San Diego
4 th Saturday:	Chula Vista 8:30 am Fire Station #7 1640 Santa Venetia Chula Vista
5 th or last Saturday:	Escondido 9:00 am LDS Church 1917 East Washington St.

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